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A TIMELIE CAUTION

Comprehended in thirty seven *Double Trimeters*,  
occasioned by a late Rumour of an Intention,  
suddenly to Adjourn this *Parliament*;  
And *Supercribed*, to those whome it most  
concernes; September 10. 1652.

*Amicj Legite; Veridicum Credite, Veritatem Diligite.*

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By G. W. A faithfull servant to this Republik.

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**I**T made a *Dumbe Child* speake, to see,  
His *Fathers* life, in Iopardy:  
And, such a *Passion* swells in me.  
To vent it, therefore, leave I crave;  
For, dread of *sadder things* I have,  
Then *single Murthers*, or a *Grave*.

I find most men regardless grown,  
Of *Publicke dangers*, and their owne,  
Yet, my *Conjecture* shall be shown,  
That, when my *words* are proved true,  
It may appear, I some things knew,  
Which might have been of use, to you.

*Birrh's*, then unborn, are eight years old,  
Since in *Ænigmas*, one foretold,  
What, many, do fulfil'd behold;  
And at that time, some *Hints* had we,  
Of things, that would attempted be,  
In *Fifty two*, and *Fifty three*.

Now harken, therefore, and give *Cred*,  
To him, who biddeth you take heed,  
How, *other men*, and *You*, proceed;

That *Tou*, together may abide,  
Till *we expedients* can provide,  
For what is likely to betide.

Else, *they* who seeme to be your *Friends*,  
May prosecute, for private ends,  
What, your *apparent* Foe intends;  
And, when disperst abroad you are,  
Accomplish that, which many fear,  
And prove as false as they appear.

For, *we*, who search the depths to finde:  
Of what is secretly *design'd*,  
Perceive *Old mischiefs*, new refin'd;  
Which, if no *powre* the same prevent,  
Will from each other, shortly rent  
Each Member of this *Parliament*.

T'is thought, that some are gone away,  
To that intent; and, that some stay,  
To winne the rest; their *Game* to play:  
So, when you are seduc'd become,  
To leave your *Charge*, and stragle home;  
None shall to them be troublesome.

It is confessed to be true,  
That, of your *Shippes*, there are but few,  
To whom her *Relage* is due;  
And, so long time upon the *Seas*,  
It hath been tost; that, now, to *these*  
There should allowance be of, *Ease*.

Yet, since the *Vessel* (bruiz'd and torn)  
A *Tempest*, of twelve years hath borne,  
And promieth a rich *Retourne*;  
*Bear up*; and stoutly persevere:  
For, your wish'd *Harbour*, now is neere;  
And, you, may speedily be there.

As *Paul*, said once, to those who saild,  
 With him ( when each mans courage faild,  
 And their endeavours nought availd )  
 So, say I now, *Continue, fill,*  
 Within the Shipp and; waite his will:  
 Who can your honest hopes fullfill.

For, if your selves you shall betake,  
 To that *Retreat*; which some would make;  
 You hazzard all, unto a *Wrack*:  
 And, where you *Safetie* think to find,  
 They will to you. prove more unkind,  
 Then *Rocks*, or *whirlpools*, *Waves*, or *Wind*.

Al though *your selves* you must *renew*,  
 Before those wishes will entue,  
 Which, your *endeavours* do pursue;  
 Yet, in your *Weakness* doth remaine,  
 That *Strength*, whereby, God will sustaine,  
 And build up, what he doth *Ordaine*.

Wee, therefore, justly may suspect,  
 That, they who zealously project,  
 A *Change*; will find no good effect;  
 Till God hath ripend *you*, and *them*,  
 To joyne more seriously with *him*,  
 In building *New Jerusalem*.

Or, till a *dosage* on those things,  
 Which brought destruction on our *Kings*;  
 On us, the same *Correption* brings.  
 For, then, of this event be sure;  
*Disorder*, shall *Disorder* cure,  
 Till none remaines, that is impure.  
 Be therefore warned, and be wise;  
 And, what these *Trimsters* advise,  
 Do not, disdainfully, despise;

Nor think, I, from *good manners* erre;  
 Though, I, thus venture, to prefer,  
 These *Lines*, for your *Remembrance*.

On your *well-being*, mine depends;  
 And, though you are not all my *Frinds*,  
 My love, to all of you extends:

And, whi.'t I have abiding heere,  
 You, now and then, are like to heere,  
 What I *beleive*, *thinke*, *hope*, and *fear*.

You, better know, then I can tell,  
 Amid't what *Enemies* you dwell;  
 And, what they feare, who wish you well.  
 Your *Prudence* also, may surmize,  
 What mischieves, might this *Land* surprize,  
 If, at this *Juncture*, you should rise.

Not without *Cause*, wee have, of late,  
 Provok'd a *For*, which to this *State*,  
 Expresseth an unequal'd hate:  
 And (truth to say) there could not be,  
 Accord twixt us, till *They* and *Wee*,  
 Had meane, each others *Powre* to see.

For, *selfe esteeme*, on tother side,  
 Had pult them up, with so much *pride*,  
 That, till by some *Events* we ride,  
 What *mischieves*, from our *Enmities*,  
 Vnto each, other, might arise;  
 We could have had no long-lived *Peace*:

But, *They* and *Wee*, shall now perchance,  
 Know shortly, what will most advance,  
 Our *weales*; and foot a better *Dance*:  
 Meane while, it will concern us neer,  
 That, you should keep together, heere,  
 And, in a *well-fil'd House* appeare.

For, such a *Breach*, with such a *For*,  
 And, other things, requiring so

Invite a *speedy calling in*

Of those, that longe have absent bin;

And, make you, dayly, fit so thin.

Then, hence depart, not, yet, a way;

Nor loose an *bower*, whilst heere you stay;

But, doe your *duties*, whilst you may.

For, your *short time*, doth swiftly run,

And many, things are to be done,

E're you, with *safetie*, can be *gone*.

Who can be sure ( if you *Adjorne*,

He shall not drop in to his *Vrn*,

Before this *Parliament* returne?

Nay, who can tell us, that it shall,

Return? Or, what *sad-thing*, to all

This *Nation*, may meanewhile befall?

Establish therefore, e're you go,

Some *Settlements*; that, we may know,

What, in *Immergencies*, to do.

Remember, too, what heretofore,

Was *Promis'd*; And, when you give o're,

Leave no man crying, at your *doore*.

I meane, leave none, who, justly there

May make *Complaint*; or, whom to hear,

Or to relieve, oblig'd you are.

At leastwise, leave them so, that, they

Acknowledge your *Compassion* may,

And, blisse you, when they go away.

Your *Mercy*, to your *Foes*, extends,

Do *Justice*, also, to your *Friends*,

On whose *well-being*, yours depends:

For, you can neither *Sit*, nor *Rise*

In safe or honourable wise,

Whilst their *Complaint*, neglected lies.

But, who both *Friends*, and *Foes* can please?  
 Or, hope, to bring to passe, with ease,  
 Such difficult-effects, as these?  
*TO* may: for, my good *Angle* sings,  
 The probable Accomplishings,  
 Of these, and of much harder things.

There is a day, now near at hand,  
 Injoynd by your owne Command,  
 To crave *GOD*'s blessing, on this Land:  
 And, hee, yet, gives both *Time*, and *Place*,  
 To seek the favour of his Face:  
 Yea, seemes to offer, his embrace.

Then, in your hearts, your selves prepare,  
 ( As soone as you this *Warning* heare )  
 Within his presence, to appear.  
 And, as one Person, let us all,  
 That day, before his Footstool fall,  
 Vpon his holy name, to call.

So, hee, shall help, and teach us, too,  
 What to beleeve, what things to do;  
 How long to stay; what time to goe;  
 And, gard our Coast, much better, than,  
 Our Fleets, and our three Armies, can,  
 Or, all the strength, and wit, of man.

But, tis a hundred, tho, to one,  
 If my Advice be thought upon,  
 Till Opportunities are gone:  
 For, though this Age doth much approve,  
 Of Revelations from above,  
 And, what the Spirit seemes to move,  
 Yet, most are so in love with Lies,  
 And, Pride, self-ends, and vanities  
 So deafe their Eare, so dimms their Eyes,



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That, such are credited by fewe,  
who alwayes tell them what is true:  
And, what this may *pretend*; Judge you.  
And, judge aright of his *Intent*.  
Who, *Publick damage* to prevent,  
Thus ventures, *private detriment* :  
For, *They*, whom you most ought to fear,  
As soone as they, this **CAUTION** heare,  
Will either *Frowne*, or *Carpe*, or *Jeer*.

And, hope, to pick *occasion* hence,  
So to prevaricat the sense,  
That, some in Power, may take offence;  
To, bring upon him, back againe,  
( *Like Clouds returning after Raine* )  
The *Troubles*, he did late sustaine.

But, *hee*, now *Forty yeares*, and more,  
Displeasures, without Despaire, hath bore;  
And, if he live another *Score*,  
Shall see his *Foes*, as he hath done.  
Drop, yearly, hence, by *One* and *One*,  
Till, all, who malice him, are gone.

And, as their *Number* groweth lesse,  
So, shall they, every day increase,  
Who truly seeke, the *Publick Peace*;  
And, He, or *hu*; And you, or *your*,  
shall see *Oppressions* fatall hour,  
And, **IUSTICE**, gaine the *Soveraigne power* .

LORD ! be it thus; and give thy *Grace*,  
To all that are in *Publick place*,  
To joyne in bringing this to pass :  
Uouchsafe them *Patience*, too, to bear,  
Their *Tryalls*; who, must suffer, here.  
Vntill thy *Kingdome* shall appear.

Postscript

T was sayd ( since forth these Lines were sent )  
 The lately Rumored Intent,  
 Of an ADIOVRNE, was not approv'd  
 By many; nor, in Publik, mov'd:  
 And, hee, from whence this Caution came,  
 Is glad, it was a Lying-Fame:  
 And, these Expressions had forbore,  
 Might he have heard so much before.  
 Yet, since, Just cause, that Rumour gave,  
 Of what, in these few Leaves, you have;  
 Since, also, there be Various Vses,  
 Of all, that Providence produces;  
 Some use of these, there may be, too:  
 Among you, therefore, let them goe.  
 For, when leaves fall from every Tree,  
 Ev'n, WITHER'D Leaves, in season be;  
 And, ( at the worst ) will serve the turne,  
 To make dull-Fires, more apt to burne.

Some things, do Seeme; And, are not, so:  
 Some, Are; and, thereof, make no shewe.

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